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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Military spouse unemployment sunset repeal.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; removing the
2 sunset provision terminating military spouse unemployment
3 benefits; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-311(a)(i)(D) is amended to read:

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9 **27-3-311. Disqualifications from entitlement;**
10 **grounds; forfeiture.**

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1 (a) An individual shall be disqualified from benefit
2 entitlement beginning with the effective date of an
3 otherwise valid claim or the week during which the failure
4 occurred, until he has been employed in an
5 employee-employer relationship and has earned at least
6 eight (8) times the weekly benefit amount of his current
7 claim for services after that date, if the department finds
8 that he:

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10 (i) Left his most recent work voluntarily
11 without good cause attributable directly to his employment,
12 except:

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14 (D) If unemployed as a result of relocation
15 due to the transfer of the unemployed individual's spouse,
16 either within or outside the state, from which it is
17 impractical to commute to the place of employment, and upon
18 arrival at the new residence, the individual is in all
19 respects able and available for suitable work and registers
20 for work with the department of workforce services or an
21 equivalent agency of another state where the individual is
22 residing. To qualify under this subparagraph, the

1 individual shall be married to a member of the United
2 States armed forces whose relocation is the result of an
3 assignment on active duty as defined in 10 U.S.C.
4 101(d)(1), active guard or reserve duty as defined in 10
5 U.S.C. 101(d)(6), active duty pursuant to title 10 of the
6 United States Code, or training or other duty performed by
7 a member of the army national guard of the United States or
8 the air national guard of the United States under section
9 316, 502, 503, 504 or 505 of title 32 of the United States
10 Code. Any benefits awarded under this subparagraph shall
11 be noncharged benefits and shall not affect an employer's
12 experience rating account. ~~This subparagraph is repealed~~
13 ~~effective July 1, 2018.~~

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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